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## ***Mayor Healy Named as a Recipient of the 2009 Green Building Award by the U.S. Green Building Council of NJ Green Leaders and Organizations Honored for Their Continued Efforts to Keep New Jersey's Future Green***

JERSEY CITY -- **Mayor Jerramiah Healy** will be honored by the U.S. Green Building Council, New Jersey Chapter with the **2009 Green Leadership Award** in the community and municipality category for his continued efforts to create a sustainable 'green' footprint in Jersey City. The award will be given at the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Building A Greener New Jersey Gala** awards reception at **8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2009**, at the newly completed World Headquarters of **Wyndham Worldwide in Parsippany, New Jersey**.

The Green Leadership Award is presented annually to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated both leadership and service, as well as have made a commitment and contribution, to the sustainability of the environment and "green" community transformation.

"Mayor Healy belongs to a new generation of bold mayors around the country who are tackling seemingly intractable problems in order to keep our cities and state 'green' for the future and our children," said Florence Block, Executive Director of the US Green Building Council – New Jersey Chapter.

"I am extremely honored to receive the 2009 Green Leadership Award for our continuing efforts to keep Jersey City green for our future. This award acknowledges the hard work Jersey City has done to achieve the goals put forth in our green vision for Jersey City. We hope other cities will be inspired to 'build green' and adopt programs that help improve the environment," said **Mayor Healy**. "I want our city to be a model for green municipal practices."

The Green Leadership Awards were established to recognize outstanding environmental achievements by individuals, state, and local government.

Other recipients being honored at the 2009 Green Leadership Awards Gala are as follow:

- The NJ State League of Municipalities Sustainable New Jersey Project: Mayor's Committee

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for a Green Future (William Dressel, Executive Director; Mayor Frank Profeta, Maplewood; and Mayor Merrill Frank, Highland Park).

- The Meadowlands Commission: Green Policy Award: Recognition for work with “green” and sustainability policy development. Recipients: Robert Ceberio, Executive Director; Joseph V. Doria, Commissioner DCA, Chair Meadowlands Commission; and Deborah Lawler, Chief Planner, Meadowlands Commission.
- Jersey City: Community/Municipal Award: Recognition of Recipient: Mayor Jerramiah Healy and his administration for their work in creating a sustainable footprint for their municipality and its transformation from highly toxic to state of the art “green”.
- PSE&G: Corporate Commitment Award for Major Corporation: Recipients: Ralph Izzo, CEO and Ralph LaRossa, COO.
- Spiezle Architectural Group Corporate Commitment by Small Business: Recipient: Jason Kliwinski, AIA, LEED, AP.
- Merrill Lynch Hopewell Campus: LEED Project Award: Recognition for LEED Certified Project in NJ for transformation of existing building: Recipient: Bob Krukowski, Director, Americas Property Management Services.
- Student Award: (Competition in Progress) Inspires or teaches others about sustainable practices. Demonstrates strategies that help lessen the impact of Global Warming and Climate Change through innovative student designed projects or events.

“Jersey City has made real strides in increasing environmentally-friendly programs throughout its neighborhoods. It is my hope that this award will encourage other Jersey City businesses and residents to engage in environmentally sustainable practices and initiate their own sustainability efforts to keep our city green,” Mayor Healy said.

Jersey City has achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for several housing complexes and office buildings. A dozen more City developments are awaiting LEED approval. Mayor Healy has also created a Green Building Award program to recognize excellence in the private sector.

The US Green Building Council is a Washington, D.C. nonprofit group formed in 1993. New Jersey membership has exceeded 1400 corporations inclusive of US Green Building Council National and the US Green Building Council -- New Jersey Chapter. There are 1060 LEED Accredited Professionals in New Jersey and 315 LEED registered projects in New Jersey.

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